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Clean air agencies,

Insurrection, impeachment, inauguration - January has been quite a year, hasn't it? (And there's still plenty of time left for another plot twist before we flip the calendar's page to February!) The pace of change is dizzying, the Biden Administration has absolutely hit the ground running, and in this edition of the Washington Update we've tried to capture as much of the flood of news (and the implications for clean air agencies) as we can, including NACAA's transition letter, new executive orders, new (and familiar) faces taking roles in the agencies, and drama in the courts. And yet, amid all the action and movement around us I think it's worth dwelling on the moment we're in for just a moment as well. A door has opened and we're stepping into a new, unexplored room in the mansion of history. These things don't happen every day! Quoting Amanda Gordon's wonderful inaugural poem: "And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us". Let's step forward into it together.

In this week's *Washington Update*:

- NACAA Sends Biden-Harris Administration Recommendations on Clean Air, Climate Priorities
- Far-Reaching Executive Orders Issued on Biden's First Day
- Biden Team Makes Key Agency Appointments and Names Early Acting Leadership Pending Political Nominations and Confirmations
- D.C. Circuit Strikes Down Affordable Clean Energy Rule
- Led by New York and California, States and Cities File Slew of Lawsuits Challenging Air-Related Trump Administration Rules
- Environmental Groups Sue and Seek Reconsideration of "Major MACT to Area" Rule Rescinding "Once-In-Always-In" Policy
- Amicus Briefs Challenging "SAFE" Rule Part 2 Filed in D.C. Circuit
- Sale of Non-Compliant Residential Wood Heaters No Longer a "Low Enforcement Priority," EPA Announces
- Outgoing Administration Recommends Cuts to FY 2021 Funding for EPA Programs
- EPA Reopens Comment Period on Proposed Amendments to Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production Regulations

Next Tuesday (1/26) the NACAA Mobile Sources & Fuels Committee has its call; on Wednesday (1/27) the NACAA Criteria Pollutants Committee convenes. On Thursday, 1/28, the joint NACAA/NASEO Working Group on the VW settlement will have their regular teleconference. You'll find details for those and more NACAA events ahead on [AirWeb!](#)

Here's NACAA's *Washington Update*:

<http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/WashingtonUpdate-2021-01-22.pdf>

Until next week,

Wishing you well, Miles

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